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THE NEW MUTANTS

X GUEST-STARRING THE
-TERMINATORS



NĀSTIRH VICTORIOUS!



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IT WASN'T THAT ILLYANA WAS VAIN. BEAUTY WAS AS NATURAL TO HER AS BREATHING. SHE HAD ALWAYS BEEN BEAUTIFUL, LIKE A PERFECT, PASTEL PRESENT, JUST BEGGING TO BE OPENED. BUT SHE LIKED IT, ANYWAY, WHEN HER LOOKS TOOK PEOPLE'S BREATH AWAY.

IT ALMOST MADE HER FORGET WHAT SHE WAS INSIDE.

N'ASTIRH, YOU SAID YOU WOULD HELP ME! YOU BETRAYED ME!

BETRAYED YOU, ILLYANA-DARKCHILDE?

YOU HAVE YOUR SWORD... AND WITH IT THE DARKEST PIECE OF YOUR SOUL. I HAVE GIVEN YOU POWER, DARK-CHILDE.

POWER TO USE!

MERE HOURS AGO, ILLYANA AND HER TEAMMATES, THE NEW MUTANTS, WERE TRAPPED IN THE ELDRITCH DIMENSION CALLED LIMBO.

THERE, OF HER OWN FREE WILL, ILLYANA OFFERED HERSELF, THE PASTY, PASTEL PRESENT TO A DEMON. AND, IN EXCHANGE, HE SHOWED HER THE WAY HOME.

YOUR FRIENDS ARE HERE ON EARTH, WHERE THEY BELONG, PERHAPS NOT SAFE, BUT HOME.

I DID NOT PROMISE THAT HOME WOULD BE AS IT WAS. AFTER ALL, I AM A DEMON!



THE DEMON SHREDDED
AND TORE THE PRETTY
PACKAGE, AS DEMONS
WILL... AND INSIDE...
SURPRISE! JUST
WORMS AND DUST.
A SOUL THAT WAS NEAR-
LY DEAD.

BUT THAT WAS FINE WITH
HIM... SINCE DEMONS
LIKE DEAD THINGS BEST.

YOU USED ME TO
OPEN THIS TRANSPORT
DISC, TO RIP A HOLE
IN THE SKY...

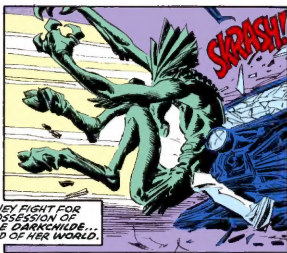
...SO THAT YOUR
LEGIONS COULD
RAIN DOWN ON
MANGOTTAN.
YOU LIED TO
ME!

YOU SPEAK OF LIES,
DARKCHILDE? I HELPED
YOU... AND IN EXCHANGE
I ASKED ONLY THAT YOU
ACCEPT YOUR TRUE
SELF... EMBRACE
YOUR DARK HERITAGE.

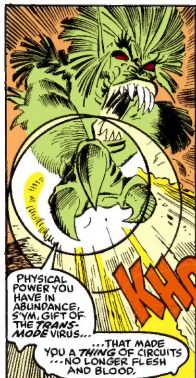
BUT HAVE YOU--?
HAVE YOU TRULY?







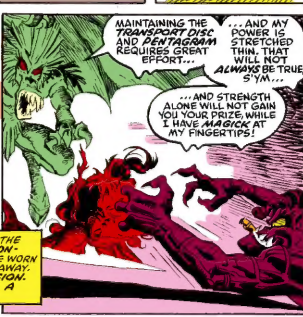
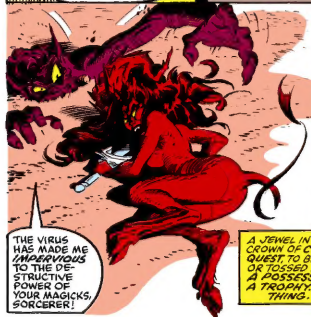
THEY FIGHT FOR
POSSESSION OF
THE DARKSIDE...
AND OF HER WORLD.



...THAT MADE
YOU A THING OF CIRCUITS
...NO LONGER FLESH
AND BLOOD.



HOW DID SHE
BECOME THIS
CRINGING
MONSTER?
THIS WRETCHED
SYMBOL?

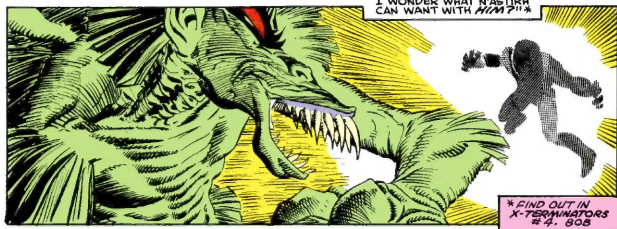


...AND MY
POWER IS
STRETCHED
THIN. THAT
WILL NOT
ALWAYS BE TRUE,
SYN...

...AND STRENGTH
ALONE WILL NOT GAIN
YOU YOUR PRIZE, WHILE
I HAVE MAGIC AT
MY FINGERTIPS!

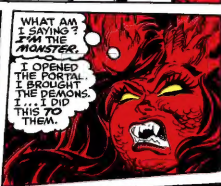
A JEWEL IN THE
CROWN OF CON-
QUEST, TO BE WORN
OR TOSSED AWAY.
A POSSESSION.
A TROPHY. A
THING.





WHILE MERE BLOCKS AWAY...





LOOK! BABIES FLOATING AT THE PENTAGRAM'S POINTS!

OBSERVATION: NEW GROUP IN SHIPS ARE SAVING BABIES! AND WHERE BABY WAS REMOVED, PENTAGRAM DISPERSES!

WHO ARE YOU?

NEW MUTANTS!

N'ASTIRH TRICKED OUR TEAMMATE, WIZ KID, INTO CREATING A COMPUTER THAT PROCESSES MAGIC.

MAGIC'S HOLDING THE DISC OPEN. N'ASTIRH IS MAKING WIZ KID TYPE IN THE SPELLS.

WE HAVE TO SAVE HIM BUT... THE BABIES...

WHAT ABOUT A TWO PRONGED ATTACK?

N'ASTIRH TRICKED ONE OF OUR TEAMMATES INTO OPENING A TELEPORTATION DISC BETWEEN EARTH AND LIMBO.

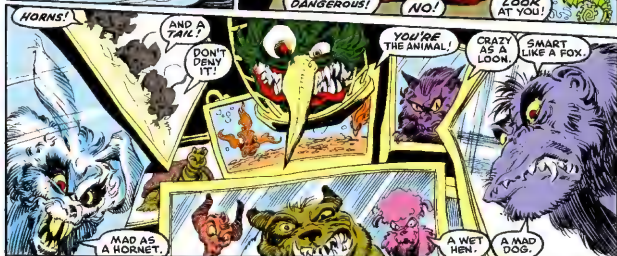
WE'RE RESPONSIBLE. SO WE HAVE TO CLOSE IT. IT'S ALL OUR FAULT!

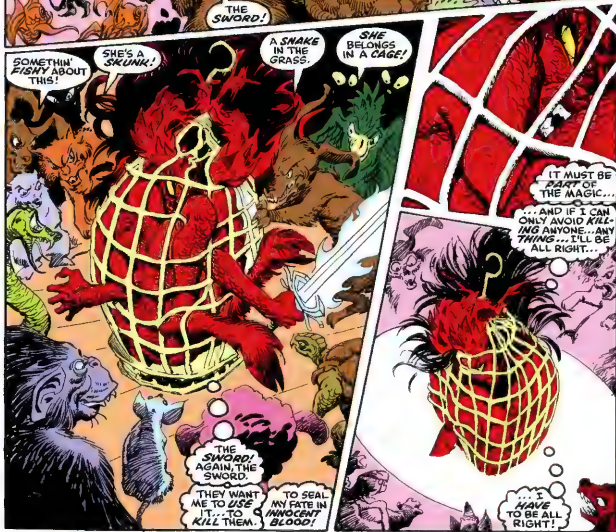
YOUR FAULT? WE THOUGHT IT WAS OUR FAULT!

GOTCHA. YOU NEW MUTANTS SAVE THE BABIES AND DISRUPT THE PENTAGRAM...

...WHILE US X-TERMINATORS BUST TAKI FREE OF N'ASTIRH'S CONTROL.

NOW YOU'RE TALKIN'! IT TOOK BOTH TEAMS TO MAKE THIS MESS. MAYBE TOGETHER WE CAN STOP IT.



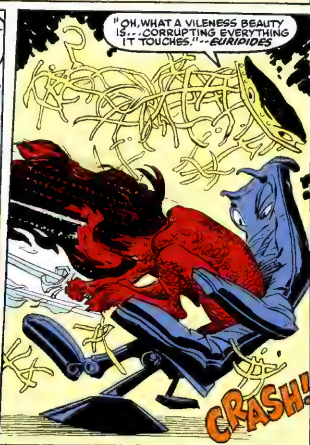
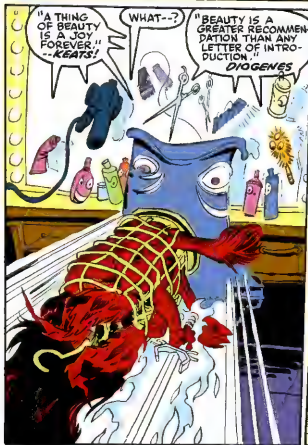
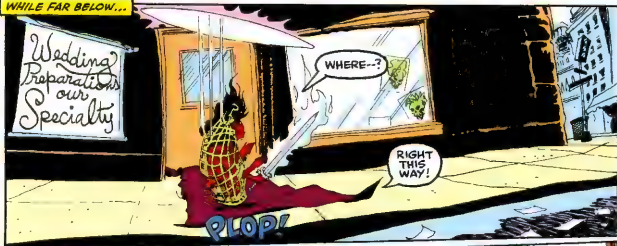


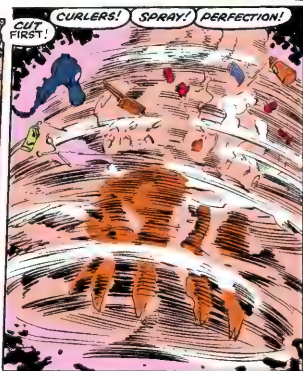
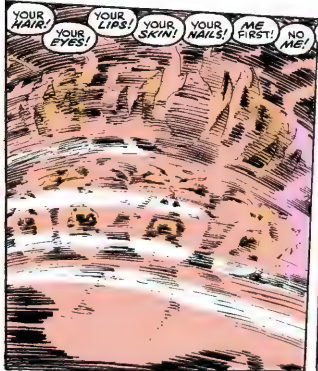
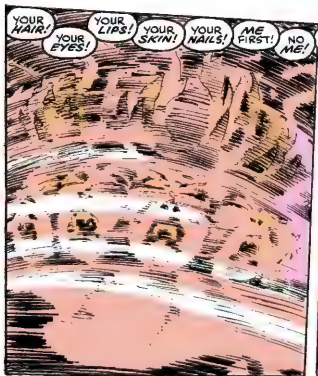
HIGH OVERHEAD, DEMONS SWARM, AS THE NEW MUTANTS, RUSH TO FREE INFANTS LOCKED IN A MYSTIC SPELL...



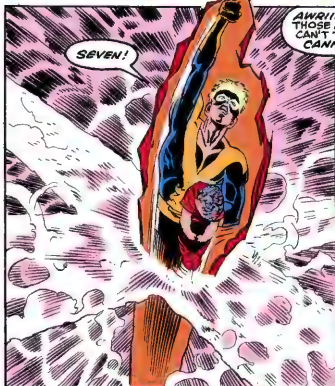


WHILE FAR BELOW...





WHILE HIGH OVERHEAD...





GIVE IT UP,
N'ASTIRH! YOU
GOT DEFEAT COMM'!
ONE TOUCH... AN'
THE TECHNO-
ORGANIC VIRUS
WILL DESTROY
YOU!

I THINK
NOT, FOOL.

THIS TRANSFORMA-
TION WILL LEAD ME
TO ULTIMATE
POWER... ULTI-
MATE CONTROL...



I WILL
MAKE ME THE
DOMINANT
SORCERER
IN THIS
UNIVERSE!

WHAT HAPPENED
DOWN THERE?*

SOME SORTA
EXPLOSION!

LOOK!
IT'S GONE!
THE PENTA-
GRAM IS
GONE!

NO MORE
DEMON RAIN!
WE CLOSED
THE DISC!
WE DID IT!

*DETAILS IN
X-TERMINATORS #4,
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N'ASTIRH HAS
VANISHED IN THE
EXPLOSION BUT
S'YM IS ESCAPING,
SELFRIENDS!

FORGET
S'YM!

THE PENTAGRAM'S
COME APART... AND
THE BABIES ARE
FALLING! COME
ON!



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Bullpen Bulletins

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"BEST WAY TO MAKE PEOPLE OF ONE MIND IS BASH THEIR HEADS TOGETHER."

—MULK, THE INCREDIBLE MULK #192

ITEM: As three million volunteers around the country prepare for UNICEF's annual Halloween fund-raising campaign, they're wildly excited to have the full support of the ever-amazing Spider-Man! That's right—the wondrous web-slinger has been designated "National UNICEF Day Safety Chair." In this distinguished new role, Spidey will deliver important Halloween safety tips on nifty posters and bookmarks designed by the ever-talented John Romita, and visit special sites in Boston, Chicago, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, and Puerto Rico, where he'll personally help collect money for millions of needy children overseas.

The ol' Web-head is always eager to go to bat for causes that ensure the safety and well-being of kids everywhere. (You're aware, no doubt, that Spidey is an

National UNICEF Day

children helping children



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active spokesman for the National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse, right? With UNICEF (the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund), every penny, quarter, and dollar collected will go toward providing clean water, health and nutrition, education, immunization, and basic social services to children and their families in developing nations.

(Hey, if you want to help Spider-Man with his UNICEF fund-raising efforts, just call 1-800-645-2300 or write the U.S. Committee for UNICEF, P.O. Box 4000, Grand Central Station, New York, New York 10163.)

ITEM: For the second month in a row, we're caught with but a half-page Bullpen Bulletins (weeew), Don't worry, our priceless Pro Files will return next month!

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"WHY? WHAT'S CAUSING THIS MESS, NOW--?"

I... AM!

THE EXPLOSION WOULD HAVE DESTROYED ME... SAVE FOR THE TRANSMODE VIRUS.

A STRANGE EXISTENCE... NOT QUITE ALIVE... AND YET SO MUCH MORE.

I HAVE ABSORBED **MAGICK** INTO MY VERY BEING. EACH CELL IS PROGRAMMED FOR **MAGICK**.

...AND THE WORLD RESONATES WITH MY POWER.

ENOUGH!

AAR GH!

SLASH!

LET ME GO!

SQUEEE!

YOU USED... THE SWORD...

BLEEDING... DYING...

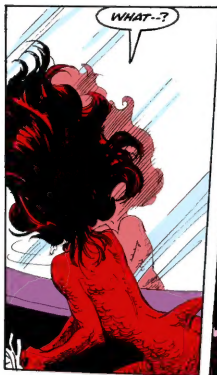
MASTER WILL BE... PLEASED.

NO! YOU CAN'T DIE. YOU'RE JUST A CHAIR!

MISTRESS! YOU USED SWORD!

YOUR BEAUTY... BLINDING!

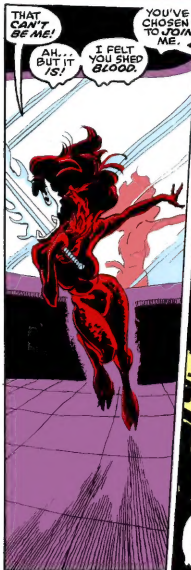
WHY YOU KILL CHAIR WHEN IT WORK SUCH MIRACLES--?



WHAT--?



NOO!



THAT CAN'T BE ME!

AH... BUT IT IS!

I FELT YOU SHED BLOOD.

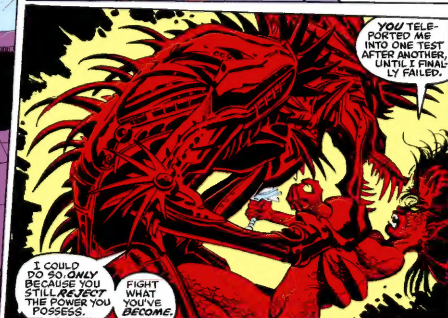
YOU'VE CHOSEN TO JOIN ME.



BLOOD--HA! CHAIRS DON'T BLEED!

IN MY NEW ORDER, THEY DO!

YOU SAID IF I TOOK BACK THE SWORD, I WOULD REGAIN CONTROL OF THE STEPPING DISCS.



YOU TELEPORTED ME INTO ONE TEST AFTER ANOTHER, UNTIL I FINALLY FAILED.

I COULD DO SO, ONLY BECAUSE YOU STILL REJECT THE POWER YOU POSSESS.

FIGHT WHAT YOU'VE BECOME.





LATER, THEN, MY
DARKCHILDE.

YOU'VE ACCEPTED YOUR
POWER AT LAST!



I DID SAY THAT
OUR UNION WOULD
BE YOUR CHOICE.

PERHAPS THE
EXPERIENCE OF
S'YAM'S WARM
EMBRACE...



... WILL CONVINCE
YOU TO THINK MORE
FONDLY OF ME....!



I'M A MONSTER...
AS MUCH A
MONSTER, AS
HE IS!

WORSE.
HE'S AS CRE-
ATED TO BE.

I WAS BORN
HUMAN.

I'M
GOING
MAD.

SOMEBODY,
PLEASE,
HELP ME!



NEXT ISSUE:

COLOSSUS JOINS THE NEW MUTANTS
IN THE CLIMACTIC--

SHELL GAME!
YOU DARE NOT MISS IT!

MINUTEMEN



Syl3nt Bob